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Advance Directives

What Is An Advance Directive and Why Is It Important to Me?

An advance directive informs physicians and other medical providers about a patient's treatment preferences in the event of a critical illness. The advance directive is activated when a patient is deemed by a physician to be terminally ill or to have an irreversible illness/condition.

An advance directive:


- Can be modified by the patient at any time
- Cannot be overridden by anyone except the patient in sound mind


Advance directives can help to decrease suffering, increase quality of life and improve comfort at the end of life. Specific directives could include use of CPR or other resuscitation methods; life-sustaining equipment (dialysis/ventilator); artificial nutrition/hydration; and palliative care.

We at Samuel Dixon Family Health Centers, Inc., urge you to have an advance directive. Inform your family of your desires and keep this card with you (in your wallet) in the event of an emergency.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ruben Hernandez or Michael Gales, PA, at (661) 257-4008 or (661) 424-1220.

Fill out both cards. Keep one in your billfold and give one to the person who would act as your agent in the event of an emergency.

	Advance Directive Notification
_____	Print Name
<input type="checkbox"/> I have an advance directive.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have a living will (located _____)	
I have talked with my family and my doctor about the care I want. If I am unable to speak for myself, please contact:	
_____	_____
Name	Phone Number

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